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PROPHETIC INSIGHT FOR THE LAST DAYS

THE CLOCK IS TICKING, Part One

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One of the most important revelations you will receive as you read this book is that you will begin to understand last day timing, seasons, past related events, current events, and future manifestations. I am not writing this book attempting to be religiously pleasing or according to the traditions of men. My objective in writing this book is to prepare you for the end of time as we know and understand it, and to set you on the path and purpose of fulfilling God's will for your life.

The Word of God is extremely clear that at least 50% of those who make up the bridal party of our Bridegroom, who is closer now than ever before, will not be ready when He comes. See what it says in Matthew 25:1-13:

"¹Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ²And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: ⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. ⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. ⁹But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. ¹³Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

The five foolish virgins could not enter into the marriage due to 5 specific things:

1. They ran out of oil {the very presence of the Holy Spirit that makes you a light in the midst of darkness and keeps the fire of God burning in your life}.
2. They were out of position, or rather had been removed from the place, purpose, and destiny that God had ordained for their lives.
3. They were still holding onto something {in this case, money} that they valued more than watching and looking for the bridegroom who was soon to come.
4. They were depending on others to provide light for them instead of having a full measure of oil in their own vessels.
5. They had a false belief and understanding that they could not lose their right to enter into the marriage chamber when the bridegroom came; and presumed that they could still enter in.

As it relates to the timing of the last days, these 5 things can also move you out of the position, place, and purpose that God has ordained for your life, and cause you to forfeit your greatest reward: entering into the bridal chamber of our LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

One of the first questions I want you to ask yourself as you read this book is this:
“Am I running out of oil as I wait for the return of My LORD?”

Allow me to help you make an accurate evaluation of this question by asking you the following 5 questions:

1. Has the light in my life been much brighter in the past than it is today?
2. Is the focus of my LORD returning the main priority in my life, or have I become distracted by the things of this world?

3. Am I depending on the light and presence of the Holy Spirit in other people's lives more than my own?
4. Have I allowed myself to make excuses for why the fervency, fire, passion, and the joy of the LORD is no longer consistent in my life?
5. Am I really fulfilling all that God has told me to do, and am I "all the way in, holding nothing back"?

ARE WE REALLY THAT CLOSE TO THE END?

I have taught, preached, and written many messages on last day events and the end of this age. I have watched for the signs that the Holy Spirit has taught me to look for and I have listened to the sound of Heaven that has shaped the messages that I teach and preach. We have entered a time that has been spoken about many times throughout the Word of God and the Holy Spirit is revealing things now that have been concealed and difficult to understand.

In Daniel 12:4 & 8-9:

"4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

One of the first things you need to realize from these scriptures is that the book of Daniel will be a key book in understanding what would be taking place at the end of time. But I'm going to do something in my book that will really help you to understand the book of Daniel that is directly connected to our second key book, the book of Revelation. I'm going to help you by putting the interpretations of these 2 key books into modern, everyday language instead of the sometimes hard to understand "King James Version Translation". As a matter of fact, Daniel must be viewed as the book that serves as the master Key that opens the door to the book

of Revelation, and when we gain the knowledge and understanding in Daniel's book, the book of Revelation will come alive and bring excitement to our lives.

In Daniel chapter 12, he gives us 5 great keys and signs to look for to let us know when the end would begin, what would be happening at the end, who would be judged and who would be honored at the end of time. Daniel is a prophet who flowed in dreams, open visions, angelic discernment, prophetic declaration and interpretation; so, he's going to give us an understanding of the unseen realm of God. Before we hear what he has to say about the end of time, I want you to pray right now that the Holy Spirit would give you eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to perceive and speak what God has revealed to you.

Daniel tells us that the great prince, Michael {He's more than just another angel.}, will stand up representing the very fact that this Prince is sitting on a throne and now rises to signify the fact that He is bringing this time to an end. Several very important facts are identified in this first verse of Daniel, chapter 12, and they are:

1. There would be a very specific time that this earth age would be scheduled to come to an end, and Michael, whose name means "Who is like God", would be the warring power that would fulfill God's will at the end. His name directly reminds the devil of his original defeat when he stated that he would be 'like the most High'. {Isaiah 14:14}
2. In order to understand where we are as it relates to the end of time, we only have to look for a remnant of God's people who are heavily oppressed and in need of supernatural deliverance. The persecution, oppression, and hostility that would be displayed against this group of people would be greater than ever experienced since the beginning of time. {Daniel 12:1}
3. There would be a time of trouble in the midst of this nation being identified that had never been before. This is a very key point because one of the key signs of the end would be TROUBLE: not PEACE AND SAFETY. {I Thessalonians 5:3} As a matter of fact, this sign has manifested in our nation greater than we have ever known before, but it is only the beginning. {Matthew 24:8}

4. There is a remnant seed of God that has always been His and their names are written in the book. What book is he talking about here? There are at least 5 books that apply to the end of time in the Word of God.

1. God's personal Book that identifies our character.
{Exodus 32:32-33; Psalms 56:8; Psalm 139:16}

2. The Book of the Living. {Psalm 69:28}

3. The Book of Remembrance. {Malachi 3:16}

4. The Book of Life. {Philippians 4:3} {Revelation 3:5} {Revelation 13:8} {Revelation 17:8} Revelation 20:12, 15} {Revelation 22:18-19}

5. The Lamb's Book of Life. {Revelation 21:27}

All of this is connected to the very first verse of Daniel, and confirms the fact that God has kept a very clear and precise record of those who have not fully surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus our Savior and Redeemer. There are many that have told me that God doesn't hold anything against the nations that have treated His remnant with hostility, slavery, murder, violence, discrimination, racial oppression, evil and wickedness. But hear me well: The only way to escape what is really waiting for this kind of behavior is to repent and come under the blood of Jesus.